

ORG. UNIT: 1945

BUDGET: Appropriations for Contingencies

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 26, 2005

CASSETTE NO. 12, SIDE B, #90 to 119

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady

Rick Ceschin

Department of Administration: Steve Agostini

County Executive: Ed Eberle

ACTION BY: (MAYO) Lay over to the call of the Chair (10/27/05). 7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

Maribeth Welchman

Maribeth Welchman, Committee Clerk

ORG. UNIT: 1985

BUDGET: Capital Outlay/Depreciation Contra

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 26, 2005

CASSETTE NO. 12, SIDE B, #137 to 159

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady

Rick Ceschin

Department of Administration: Steve Agostini

County Executive: Ed Eberle

Mr. Cady gave a brief presentation of the follow-up report from County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst and Director of Audits (with additional information provided by Controller, Department of Administrative Services) dated 10/25/05.

ACTION BY: (MC CUE) Approve the budget as recommended by the County Executive.
7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

Maribeth Welchman

Maribeth Welchman, Committee Clerk

ORG. UNIT: 2000

BUDGET: Combined Court Related Operations (including bailiff component for the Courts contained in Org. Unit 4000—Sheriff)

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 26, 2005

CASSETTE NO. 12, SIDE B, #160 to end

CASSETTE NO. 13, SIDE A, #001 TO 575

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady
Rick Ceschin
Jerry Heer

Department of Administration: Steve Agostini

County Executive: Ed Eberle

APPEARANCES: Chief Judge Kitty Brennan, Milwaukee County
Mr. John Barrett, Clerk of Circuit Courts (#12B-442)
Attorney Franklyn Gimbel (support funding for the courts) (#12B-459)
Attorney John A. Birdsall (against cutting funding) (#12B-620)
Mr. Mark Thomsen (support funding courts) (# 12B-648)
Attorney Jim Hanley (support funding for the courts)
Ms. Susan Blom (support funding courts) (#12B-695)
Mr. Joe Kuntner, Milwaukee Deputy Sheriff's Association (#13A-97)
Mr. Dennis Pavlovic, Administrator Courts (support funding for the courts) (#13A-143)
Mr. Al Foeckler, City of Oak Creek (support funding)

Mr. Cady provide a summary of the follow-up report from County Board Fiscal and Budget Analyst, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, Director of Audits and County Board Research Analyst dated 10/26/05. (Tape No. 12B-160 to 300)

Chief Judge Brennan stated that alternative number four of the follow-up report is the option that she hopes the Committee will approve to fund a core service of the County. She said that with regard to the State revenue built into alternatives two and three, it is debatable whether or not these monies will be included because there is no interest at the State level to change Wisconsin law to increase funding to the courts. (Tape No. 12B-300 to 440)

Chairman Nyklewicz stated that copies of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's report relative to court fees will be made available.

ACTION BY: (MAYO) Approve Alternative #3 and Option A as set forth below in Appendix "C."

**Appendix C:
ALTERNATIVES AND OPTIONS FOR 2006 COMBINED COURT RELATED OPERATIONS
BUDGET**

Alternative #1

- Retain the County Executive's Recommendation.

Total Change in Cost: \$0

Alternative #2

- Deny the abolishment of all positions listed on Appendix B
- Restore funding for the Legal Resource Center (Law Library)

Change in Cost:

Cost to fully fund positions (Appendix B)	\$3,825,194
Legal Resource Center (Law Library)	<u>214,000</u>
Sub-total:	\$4,039,134

Cost Adjustments:

Net Salary Reduction equal to State funding	
100% of "surplus" revenues	<u>\$2,158,320</u>
Total Change in Cost:	\$1,880,814

Note: This alternative would provide \$1,666,814 in funding for the restored positions, or approximately 44% of the total cost. The remainder, \$214,000, would provide funding for the Legal Resource Center.

Alternative #3

- Same as Alternative #2, with a different cost adjustment assumption.

Change in Cost:

Cost to fully fund positions (Appendix B)	\$3,825,194
Legal Resource Center (Law Library)	<u>214,000</u>
Sub-total:	\$4,039,134

Cost Adjustments:

Net Salary reduction equal to State funding	
50% of "surplus" revenues	<u>\$1,079,160</u>

Total Change in Cost: \$2,959,974

Note: This alternative would provide \$2,745,974 in funding for the restored positions, or approximately 72% of the total cost. The remainder, \$214,000, would provide funding for the Legal Resource Center.

Alternative #4

- "Full restoration to 2005 funding level"

Change in Cost:

Cost to fully fund positions (Appendix B)	\$3,825,194
Legal Resource Center (Law Library)	<u>214,000</u>
Sub-total:	\$4,039,134

Org. Unit 2000 (Continued):

Cost Adjustments:

Additional funds to make 2006 Recommended
equal to 2005 Adopted tax levy: \$383,605
Total Change in Cost: \$4,422,739

Note: This alternative would provide \$3,825,194 in funding for the restored positions, or 100% of the total cost. The remainder, \$597,545, would provide \$214,000 funding for the Legal Resource Center and \$383,605 to supplement existing appropriations for court bailiff charges from the Sheriff's Department.

Other Options

A. Authorize and direct the Department of Audit to perform an audit of the bailiff services function provided by the Sheriff's Department to Combined Court Related Operations. This shall include a review of the cross-charge methodology used by the Sheriff to allocate costs. **Additional Cost: \$0** (existing staff time)

B. Authorize and direct the Department of Audit to perform an audit of Courts efficiency. **Additional Cost: \$50,000**

C. Provide an additional \$429,147 be placed into an allocated contingency account within Combined Court Related Operations to supplement, if necessary, the reduced bailiff staffing plan that has been recommended for 2006. This amount represents 30% of the \$1,430,491 in anticipated savings for bailiff services in 2006. These funds could only be expended with the approval of the County Board of Supervisors, after recommendations from the Sheriff and Chief Judge as to the performance of the revised bailiff staffing plan. **Additional Cost: \$429,147**

D. Provide that the \$2,161,580 appropriated for Alternatives to Incarceration programming is placed in an allocated contingency account within Combined Court Related Operations and may be expended only with the prior approval of the County Board of Supervisors. **Additional Cost: \$0** (funds are already appropriated in 2006 Recommended Budget).

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE NUMBER THREE: 4-3

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 4

NOES: Johnson, Broderick & West - 3

EXCUSED: None

VOTE ON MOTION TO APPROVE OPTION "A." 7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

Org. Unit 2000 (Continued):

ACTION BY: (MC CUE) Approve Option "D." 7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

ACTION BY: (WEST) Approve Option "B." 5-2*

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 5

NOES: Johnson & Broderick - 2

EXCUSED: None

*Option "B" would require tax levy and amending the Audit Department's budget.

ACTION BY: (MC CUE) Approve budget, Org. Unit 2000, as amended. 7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

ACTION BY: (MC CUE) Approve Audit Department budget, Org. Unit 1001, County Board – Department of Audit, as amended. 7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

Maribeth Welchman

Maribeth Welchman, Committee Clerk

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ORG. UNIT: 9960

BUDGET: General County Debt Issue

FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE HEARING DATE: October 26, 2005

CASSETTE NO. 12, SIDE B, #120 to 135

STAFF PRESENT:

County Board: Steve Cady
Rick Ceschin

Department of Administration: Steve Agostini
Pam Bryant

County Executive: Ed Eberle

ACTION BY: (MC CUE) Approve the budget as recommended by the County Executive.
7-0

AYES: McCue, Coggs-Jones, Mayo, Johnson, Broderick, West & Nyklewicz (Chair) – 7

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: None

Maribeth Welchman

Maribeth Welchman, Committee Clerk